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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a dentist recruitment program and revolving  
2 fund and making an appropriation.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1725HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.23A DENTIST RECRUITMENT  
1 2 PROGRAM == REVOLVING FUND.  
1 3 1. A dentist recruitment program is established to be  
1 4 administered by the college student aid commission for the  
1 5 university of Iowa college of dentistry. The program shall  
1 6 consist of a forgivable loan program and a rural community  
1 7 loan repayment program for dentists. The commission shall  
1 8 regularly adjust the dentist service requirement under each  
1 9 aspect of the program to provide, to the extent possible, an  
1 10 equal financial benefit for each period of service required.  
1 11 From funds appropriated for purposes of the program by the  
1 12 general assembly, the commission shall pay a fee to the  
1 13 university of Iowa college of dentistry for administration of  
1 14 the program. A portion of the fee shall be paid by the  
1 15 commission to the university based upon the number of dental  
1 16 students and dentists recruited under subsections 2 and 3.  
1 17 2. a. The university of Iowa college of dentistry shall  
1 18 provide recommendations to the commission for students who  
1 19 meet the eligibility requirements of the forgivable loan  
1 20 program under this subsection. A forgivable loan may be  
1 21 awarded to a resident of Iowa who meets both of the following  
1 22 conditions:  
1 23 (1) Is enrolled on a full-time basis at the university of  
1 24 Iowa college of dentistry.  
1 25 (2) Agrees to practice dentistry in an area in this state  
1 26 underserved by dentists for a period of time to be determined  
1 27 by the commission at the time the loan is awarded.  
1 28 b. The loan shall be for a term set by the commission.  
1 29 Interest on the loan shall begin to accrue the day following  
1 30 the date on which the student graduates from the university,  
1 31 or on the date the student graduates from a residency program,  
1 32 whichever date is later. If the student completes the period  
1 33 of practice in the underserved area established by the  
1 34 commission and agreed to by the student, the loan amount shall  
1 35 be forgiven. Neither the loan amount nor the interest on the  
2 1 loan amount shall be forgiven if the dentist fails to complete  
2 2 the required time period of practice in the underserved area  
2 3 of this state.  
2 4 3. A dentist who graduated from the university of Iowa  
2 5 college of dentistry shall be eligible for the rural community  
2 6 loan repayment program if the dentist agrees to practice in an  
2 7 eligible rural community in this state. The university of  
2 8 Iowa college of dentistry shall recruit and place dentists in  
2 9 rural communities that have agreed to provide additional funds  
2 10 for the dentist's loan repayment. The contract for the loan  
2 11 repayment shall stipulate the time period the dentist shall  
2 12 practice in an eligible rural community in this state and  
2 13 shall also stipulate that the dentist repay any funds paid on  
2 14 the dentist's loan by the commission if the dentist fails to  
2 15 practice in an eligible rural community in this state for the  
2 16 required period of time. For purposes of this subsection,  
2 17 "eligible rural community" means a rural community in this  
2 18 state underserved by dentists that agrees to match state funds  
2 19 provided on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis for the loan  
2 20 repayment of a dentist who practices in the eligible rural

2 21 community.  
2 22 4. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
2 23 17A to administer this section.  
2 24 5. A dentist recruitment revolving fund is created in the  
2 25 state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the  
2 26 commission. The commission shall deposit payments made by  
2 27 dentist recruitment program recipients and the proceeds from  
2 28 the sale of loans made pursuant to subsection 2 into the  
2 29 dentist recruitment revolving fund. Moneys credited to the  
2 30 fund shall be used to supplement moneys appropriated for the  
2 31 dentist recruitment program, for loan forgiveness to eligible  
2 32 dentists, and to pay for loan or interest repayment defaults  
2 33 by eligible dentists. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any  
2 34 balance in the fund on June 30 of any fiscal year shall not  
2 35 revert to the general fund of the state. Notwithstanding  
3 1 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in  
3 2 the dentist recruitment revolving fund shall be credited to  
3 3 the fund.

3 4 Sec. 2. DENTIST RECRUITMENT PROGRAM. There is  
3 5 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the college  
3 6 student aid commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
3 7 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so  
3 8 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose  
3 9 designated:

3 10 For the dentist recruiting program established pursuant to  
3 11 section 261.23A:  
3 12 ..... \$ 250,000

3 13 EXPLANATION

3 14 This bill establishes a dentist recruitment program to be  
3 15 administered by the college student aid commission for the  
3 16 university of Iowa college of dentistry. The program consists  
3 17 of a loan forgiveness program for students who agree to  
3 18 practice in underserved areas upon graduation and a rural  
3 19 community loan repayment program for dentists who agree to  
3 20 serve in eligible rural communities. The bill appropriates  
3 21 \$250,000 to the college student aid commission for the 2007=  
3 22 2008 fiscal year for the program. An eligible rural community  
3 23 is a rural community underserved by dentists that agrees to  
3 24 match state funds provided for the dentist's loans on at least  
3 25 a \$1=for=\$1 basis.

3 26 From funds appropriated for the program by the general  
3 27 assembly, the commission must pay a fee to the university of  
3 28 Iowa college of dentistry for administration of the program  
3 29 based upon the number of dental students and dentists  
3 30 recruited.

3 31 Students are eligible for the loan forgiveness program if  
3 32 they are residents of Iowa, are enrolled on a full-time basis  
3 33 at the university of Iowa college of dentistry, and agree to  
3 34 practice dentistry in an area underserved by dentists for a  
3 35 period of time to be determined by the commission at the time  
4 1 the loan is awarded.

4 2 A dentist who graduated from the university of Iowa college  
4 3 of dentistry is eligible for the rural community loan  
4 4 repayment program if the dentist agrees to practice in an  
4 5 eligible rural community in this state for a time agreed to by  
4 6 the dentist and the commission.

4 7 The dentist recruitment revolving fund is created in the  
4 8 state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the  
4 9 commission. Moneys in the fund derive from payments made by  
4 10 dentist recruitment program recipients and the proceeds from  
4 11 the sale of loans. Moneys in the fund must be used to  
4 12 supplement moneys appropriated for the dentist recruitment  
4 13 program, for loan forgiveness to eligible dentists, and to pay  
4 14 for loan or interest repayment defaults by eligible dentists.  
4 15 Moneys in the fund do not revert to the general fund and  
4 16 interest or earnings on moneys in the fund are credited to the  
4 17 fund.

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